

**ROBERT FROMER**

---

P. O. Box 71, Windsor, Connecticut 06095-2205  
E-mail: saintrobert@comcast.net

February 13, 2015

Chairman, Co-chairman and Members  
Environment Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re:

Dear Chairman, Co-chairman and Members:

I offer special thanks to the Environment Committee for conducting its hearing on the proposed bills.

The following appeared in today's Public Notice section of The Day newspaper:

18367 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WATER TAXI SERVICE OPERATOR The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments is soliciting proposals for Licensed Commercial Tour Boat Operators to provide Water Taxi Service for the Thames River Heritage Park in the lower Thames River estuary operating on a schedule. The contract awarded will be for three years, with the potential for a three-year renewal. Interested parties can obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals from James S. Butler, Executive Director of the SCCOG by emailing office@seccog.org. Deadline for submission of proposals is 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2015. Dated this 13th day of February, 2015.

I oppose funding of the proposed water taxi because it is not essential to success of the Thames River Heritage Park (Park); tourists will visit without a taxi. Since the Southeastern Council of Governments represents those towns in the Park, it should provide the funding instead of the state. How can this Committee to justify a new state expenditure while it is facing a deficit?

Very truly yours,

*Robert Fromer*

---

Environment Committee  
Groton-New London Water Taxi  
Testimony of Robert Fromer  
February 13, 2015  
Page - 2 –

Robert Fromer  
Environmental Consultant